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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ARMOATIC DICARBOXYLIC ACIDS**

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract  
 Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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23 pages of specification and claims (including 9 numbered claims), and  
1 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 1.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

- | <b>Application Number</b> | <b>Country</b> | <b>Day/Month/Year Filed</b> |
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| 2001-259353               | JP             | 29 August 2001              |
| PCT/JP02/08606            |                | 27 August 2002              |
- , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..
- Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
- Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_
- This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
- This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. PCT/JP02/08606, filed 27 August 2002, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
- Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
- The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.
- Applicant claims "small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.
- Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:
- Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission;  Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application;  Other:

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